

TF Vector Control (Harvey) Summary September 21, 2017 (9:00 PM CDT)

Current Members:

TX Department of State Health Services
TX Department of Agriculture
ESF 8/Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
FEMA- Emergency Services
FEMA -Public Assistance
FEMA- Environmental Historical Preservation
FEMA External Affairs
FEMA Ops
Department of Defense/910th Airlift Wing
EPA
US Fish and Wildlife

Current Situation:

Texas requested federal support for Vector Control (mosquito). Current requirements have exceeded local and state capabilities. FEMA is coordinating federal vector control support in coordination with Texas Department of State Health Services (TX DSHS). Dr. Whitney Qualls, Medical Entomologist, TX DSHS is the Project Coordinator for vector control.

TX DSHS continues to determine local jurisdiction needs and capacity. Local jurisdictions with current plans and capacity will conduct activities themselves. The remainder of affected counties will be supported by TX DSHS contract with Clarke Mosquito, Inc. (Clarke), and Vector Disease Control International (VDCI), and Department of Defense (DoD) aerial assets.

TX DSHS is managing all State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) from affected counties for mosquito aerial spray support (Attachment A).

No map update was provided from TX DSHS for mosquito spray missions conducted September 20, 2017. Most recent map published on September 20, 2017 attached (Attachment B). As additional needs are identified through STARS and missions are completed, TX DSHS will coordinate with DoD to update maps.

TX DSHS's contractor Clarke conducted spray operations in Calhoun County during the evening hours of September 20, 2017. Clarke is scheduled to continue spray operations in Jackson County during the evening hours of September 21, 2017. To date, Clarke has completed spray operations in Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, DeWitt, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Wharton and Waller counties.

DoD spray completed spray operations in Harris and Liberty, counties during the evening hours of September 20, 2017, treating 165,038 acres. One aircraft was forced to cancel mission due

to weather. Since September 9, 2017, DoD has treated 2,528,795 acres with 13,640 gallons of Dibrom Concentrate, EPA Registration Number: 5481-480. DoD is scheduled to continue spray missions in Galveston and Montgomery counties during the evening hours of September 21, 2017. Federal operations are complete in operations completed in Brazoria, Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange counties.

VDCI is scheduled to conduct spray operations in Polk and San Jacinto counties during the evening hours of September 21, 2017. To date, VDCI has completed spray operations in Newton, Walker, and Hardin counties.

DoD is returning empty pesticide containers to the originating vendor daily.

FEMA external affairs and DoD PIO are coordinating closely with TX DSHS media affairs on messaging for DoD aerial spray mission. The most current TX DSHS press release attached (Attachment C).

Dr. Whitney Qualls (whitney.qualls@dshs.texas.gov), TX DSHS, State Coordinator will circulate all public messaging, product data, and processes centrally through the State.

Tasks: None

Next TF Vector Control (Harvey) Teleconference: 3:00pm CDT September 22, 2017